(b) The STC imports edible oils on CIF basis.

Drought situation in the country

383. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have over come the ill effects of drought and the States which are still reeling under the adverse impact of drought; and

(b) the remedial measures taken by Government to minimise the drought effects in the drought prone States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) 34 out of 35 Meteorological Sub-Divisions have received normal or excess rainfall during the current South-West Monsoon till 20th July, 1988. All the States, which were affected by drought of 1987 have received excess or normal rainfall during this period.

(b) Question does not arise.

Mining in deep sea

384. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state whether there is a plan to undertake mining in deep sea by the year 2005; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): A plan of action has been drawn up for Polymetallic Nodules programme to commission a semi-commercial plant by 1997. All the components of the programme including survey and exploration, mining, processing, transportation and marketing are likely to become operational on a commercial scale by the year 2008-09. However, R & D work on study of environmental parameters on mining is being carried out. A decision to set up the semi-commercial plant for processing and mining would be taken only when the techno-economic feasibility study is completed by 1992.

Central assistance to small and marginal farmers

385. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of assistance to small and marginal farmers for increasing agricultural production, State-wise;

(b) the number of farmers benefited under the scheme State-wise; and

(c) the target fixed for 1988-89 and the remaining period of the 7th Plan separately, particularly for Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) A sum of about Rs. 42984.25 lakhs has so far been released as Central share by Government of India for the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production to all the States/Union Territories since its inception in 1983-84. Out of which the States/Union Territories have reported that they have utilised a sum of about Rs. 33588.10 lakhs upto 1987-88. A statement indicating Central funds released and utilised by the States/UTs is given. (See Statement-I below).

(b) About 227.25 lakh small and marginal farmers have been benefited so far under the scheme since its inception. A Statement indicating State-wise number of farmers benefited is given. (See Statement II below).

(c) Under the scheme an annual outlay of Rs. 5.00 lakh per block has been envisaged and is to be utilised in the following manner:

Component	Rs. in lakhs
(i) Subsidy on minor irrigation works	3.50
(ii) Distribution of seed mini-kits of oilseeds pulses and coarse-grains-upto a maximum of	0.50
(iii) Land development including cost of staff (cost of staff restricted to Rs. 4,000)	1.00
TOTAL :	5.00

This outlay is to be shared equally between the Government of India and the State Governments. In the case of Union Territories the Central assistance is 100 per cent.

The Central funds are released on the basis of performance of the States and subject to availability of funds. The scheme will be continued during the remaining period of Seventh Five Year Plan in all the States/UTs including Orissa.

However, as a result of Mid-term appraisal of the Seventh Five Year Plan, Planning Commission has recommended for installation of about 6 lakhs shallow tubewells/dugwells in the plains and delta regions in the identified districts of few States including Orissa selected for Special Foodgrains Production Programme during 1988-89 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production. It is proposed to construct about 48236 number of shallow tubewells/dugwells at an estimated cost of Rs. 723.54 lakhs in Orissa during 1988-89 in selected districts. Besides, normal scheme will be continued as usual in the remaining districts/blocks of Orissa during the current year.

Statement-I

Release of Central share and its utilisation by the State Government under the Centrally sponsored scheme of assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for increasing Agricultural Production during 1983-84 to 1988-89 (First Instalment)

State	No. of Block	Central Share Released	Central Share Utilised
1	2	3	4
1. Andhra Pradesh	330	3193.27	2826.15
2. Arunachal Pradesh	48	491.54	280.03
3. Assam	134	796.33	226.67
4. Bihar	587	4149 48	2017 44
5. Gujarat	218	1751.41	1716.09
6. Haryana	93	629.71	443 62
7. Himachal Pradesh	69	561.64	387 07
8. Jammu & Kashmir	75	416.90	227.67
9. Karnataka	175	1227.72	1173.79
10. Kerala	151	1248.01	1162.98
11. Madhya Pradesh	458	4132.72	2842.44

1	2	3	4
12. Maharashtra	296	3247.91	3314.80
13. Manipur	26	167.74	58.72
14. Meghalaya	24	90.82	67.17
15. Mizoram	20	273.27	301.16
16. Nagaland	21	208.03	221.84
17. Orissa	314	2681.31	2064.06
18. Punjab	118	735.25	360.92
19. Rajasthan	236	1449.97	1043.48
20. Sikkim	4	33.46	29.54
21. Tamil Nadu	378	3040 50	2769 05
22. Tripurra	17	133.36	162.66
23. Uttar Pradesh	887	9353.99	8629.50
24. West Bengal	335	2640.10	1104.77
25. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5	42.19	8.18
26. Chandigarh	1	8.81	3.51
27. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	6.05	2.58
28. Delhi	5	42.19	7.94
29. Daman & Diu	12	136.91	70.16
30. Lakshadweep	5	51.59	32.96
31. Pondicherry	4	41.87	31.15
ALL INDIA :	5047	42984.25	33588.10

NOTE :—Funds utilisation figures are based on the information given in the progress reports by the State Government.

Statement—II

State-wise number of Small and Marginal Farmers benefited during 1983-84 to 1987-88 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for increasing Agricultural Production.

S. No.	State/UTs	Number of small and marginal farmers benefited
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1242632
2.	Assam	398230
3.	Bihar	2987978
4.	Gujarat	618914
5.	Haryana	274064
6.	Himachal Pradesh	130299
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	201756
8.	Karnataka	834241
9.	Kerala	885710
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1289629
11.	Maharashtra	2350255
12.	Manipur	127485
13.	Meghalaya	16415
14.	Mizoram	20412
15.	Nagaland	47031
16.	Orissa	799305
17.	Punjab	289368
18.	Rajasthan	574949
19.	Sikkim	13477
20.	Tamil Nadu	2106652
21.	Tripura	51069
22.	Uttar Pradesh	5400759
23.	West Bengal	1831415
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	64536
25.	Goa, Daman & Diu	23897
26.	A & N Islands	8986
27.	Chandigarh	3297
28.	D & N Haveli	3069
29.	Delhi	9200
30.	Lakshadweep	17280
31.	Pondicherry	13140
	ALL INDIA :	2275450